

Amendments to the Claims

Claims 1-4 (Canceled)

- 1 Claim 5. (Currently Amended) A homepage access system for a chain mailing case where
2 a mail is sent from a first person to a second person, and from the second person to a third
3 person, and so on, using lottery numbered e-mails, said system being used for accessing a server
4 device having a homepage for providing a mail sending/receiving service to a terminal device
5 over a network, said server device comprising:
6 (a) means for starting up a mailer of said server device by said terminal device accessing
7 said homepage and a sender or a former recipient clicking on a predetermined button on said
8 homepage;
9 (b) means for instructing that the sender or a former recipient will create an e-mail by the
10 start up of said mailer;
11 (c) means for determining the suitability of the e-mail upon completion of creating the
12 e-mail, the means for determining comprising a check to determine whether the recipient is on a
13 mailing list;
14 (d) means for writing at the end of the e-mail a lottery number and an address of said
15 homepage, and further attaching a notification of a drawing thereto and sending the e-mail to an
16 e-mail address of an e-mail recipient, in the event that said determining means determines the e-
17 mail to be suitable;

18 (e) means for saving said lottery number and said e-mail address of the e-mail recipient to
19 a file within the server device at the time of sending the e-mail to the e-mail recipient;
20 (f) means for performing processing for randomly determining a winning lottery number
21 from said saved lottery numbers; and
22 (g) means for matching an e-mail address input by said e-mail recipient with the lottery
23 number and e-mail address of said e-mail recipient saved in said file, in the event that said e-mail
24 recipient accesses the address of said homepage written in the sent e-mail and checks winning of
25 the lottery number, so as to check the identification of a winner.

1 Claim 6. (Currently Amended) A homepage access system using lottery numbered e-
2 mails according to Claim 5, wherein, upon a user registration request from said terminal device,
3 said server device displays a user registration screen and instructs input of required items of the
4 user; and

5 wherein, upon the user making input according to said instructions, said required items
6 are stored in a user registration file, ~~sending mail server settings within said terminal device are~~
7 ~~rewritten as the mail server of said server device, the user is prompted to change outgoing mail~~
8 ~~server settings of the user's e-mail client program to a server device address,~~ the user of said
9 registration request is provided with a nickname, and the user of said registration request is
10 notified of the nickname.

1 Claim 7. (Previously Presented) A homepage access system using lottery numbered e-
2 mails according to Claim 5, wherein said server device has an original mailer set so as to be
3 capable of accessing said homepage for sending/receiving e-mails, said server device
4 comprising:

5 means for displaying a mailer download screen upon a receiving terminal device
6 to access an original mailer download request, instructing input of required items, and registering
7 the necessary items in a user registration file upon completion of input of the required items, and
8 downloading said original mailer.